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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF IRAQI AGRICULTURAL TEAM TO U.S. SPONSORED BY
AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION.

TO: AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION
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REF TELEX ASA/PHILLIPS - KEISWETTER DATED JANUARY 10, 1978

1. USINT OFFICERS CALLED ON DG, GENERAL POULTRY COMPANY, AND
ACTING DG, ANIMAL FEED COMPANY, TO DISCUSS ITINERARY PROPOSED
IN REF TELEX. TEAM MEMBERS ARE VERY PLEASED WITH PROPOSED
SCHEDULE BUT WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST SEVERAL MINOR REVISIONS.

A. ENTIRE TEMA WISHES TO VISIT INTERNATIONAL POULTRY
SHOW, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON JAN 28, REPEAT 28, IF POSSIBLE.

B. SEVERAL TEAM MEMBERS REITERATED THEIR STRONG DESIRE TO
VISIT UNIV. OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE. CONTACT THERE IS
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PROFESSOR H.V. SHIRLEY, ANIMAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT.

2. USINT CONCURS IN ABOVE SUGGESTIONS AND URGES ASA TO
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INCORPORATE THEM IN FINAL ITINERARY.
AS ASA IS AWARE, IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS THREE LARGE POULTRY
FARMS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND, JANUARY 9, AWARDED CONTRACTS
FOR 3 MORE FARMS TO WEST GERMAN FIRM, LOHMANN. POULTRY IS

NOT, REPEAT NOT, INCLUDED IN LATTER CONTRACT AND VISIT TO ATLANTA POULTRY SHOW COULD PROMOTE IRAQI INTEREST IN US POULTRY. IN REGARD TO VISIT TO KNOXVILLE AT LEAST ONE TEAM MEMBER WILL PROBABLY DROP OUT TO GO THERE IF GROUP VISIT IS NOT ARRANGED.

3. ALL PARTICIPANTS HAVE ASKED IF FIRST CLASS TICKETS WILL BE AUTHORIZED. (FYI. THE IRAQ GOVERNMENT USUALLY AUTHORIZES FIRST CLASS TRAVEL FOR OFFICIALS OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL RANK AND ABOVE).

4. GROUP PLANS TO DEPART BAGHDAD FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, ON BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT 359 TO LONDON. THEY REQUEST ACCOMODATIONS AT HOTEL NEAR MAJOR LONDON SHOPPING AREA. SUGGEST CUMBERLAND HOTEL. LONDON TO DULLES SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, ABOARD PAN AM FLIGHT 107, DEPARTING LONDON 1140 ARRIVE IAD 1500. RETURN TRAVEL VIA TWA FLIGHT 904 NYC TO MADRID. SUGGEST OPEN RETURN TICKETS MADRID TO BAGHDAD.

5. TEAM ASKS IF 1978 SOYBEAN ANNUAL WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. THEY WOULD EACH LIKE A COPY.

6. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE, USINT HAS REQUESTED FOUR FIRST CLASS SEATS FROM BRITISH AIRWAYS. URGENTLY REQUIRE YOUR APPROVAL THIS ITINERARY, PLEASE ADVISE NAME OF TRAVEL AGENCY OR UNCLASSIFIED

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AIRLINE IN BBAGHDAD THAT WILL ACTUALLY ISSUE TICKETS AS NO REPEAT NO TICKETS ARE ISSUED AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT. USINT SUGGESTS BRITISH AIRWAYS ISSUE TICKETS.

7. USINT WISHES TO COMMEND ASA FOR ITS EXCELLENT HANDLING AND PROMPT RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION WHICH CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS VISIT.

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